

Town of East Kingston Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting April 11, 2022

Approved.
5-9-22

The CC meeting was Called to Order at 5:08PM

Members Present: Vicki Brown, Gordon Powers, Julie Ostopchuk, Dennis Quintal

Guest: Jeremy Lougee, SELT NH (departed 5:45pm) and Adam Barss (departed 5:55pm)

Minutes from March 14, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Correspondence:

1. Citizens Bank end of March Balance for Conservation Fund \$36,395.90. Monthly Interest was \$0.32. This is less than last month because of the \$1,600 payment to SELT for EKCC share of the Carter Appraisal.
2. NHACC March 2022 Enews
3. Email from Julie Labranche regarding Moose Plate Grant.
4. Email from Gordon – Edits to the NRI. Gordon volunteered to update the NRI for 4/21 EKPB meeting.
5. NHACC email “Earth Day”
6. Email NH DES Drinking Water Source Protection Conference Tuesday May 24, 2022
7. Email from Grace regarding the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Carter Property on 68 South Road: Jeremy Lougee of SELT joined EKCC to discuss Easement funding. The EKCC paid half of the Appraisal Fee \$1,600 from Conservation Fund on March 30, 2022. We discussed how we can assist funding the conservation of this land. Other funding options likely include NRCS ALE and LCHIP.
2. Bank Restoration: EKCC members are reviewing the draft Request for Proposal & will give feedback to Dennis so he can send to the Select Board. A motion was approved (Dennis abstaining) for EKCC to reimburse Dennis as Engineer on this project using standard town engineer fees.
3. Bank Restoration Fundraising: Grace is establishing a Bank Account for EKCC Project to hold donations. Julie will share a proposal form 4ever Bricks; EKCC would get 80% profit for each brick.
4. NRI: A Public Hearing will be held at the next Planning Board meeting on April 21st for our NRI to be reviewed and hopefully voted to be included as part of the updated Master Plan. EKCC will provide a brief presentation for the public and EKPB members who missed the 3/17/22 EKPB meeting.
5. Town Composting: Shelby Stabile advised us and EK Solid Waste/Recycling Committee chair Ron Morales that she must put this project, and discussions with Dennis Perkins at Hidden Hollow Farm, on hold for now as she works on school and library gardening projects.
6. Pollinator Pathways NH: NH Fish & Game’s Heidi Holman shared why and how to do a butterfly count on April 8. The Atkinson seed giveaway April 9 was successful. Forthcoming are NH Audubon’s Make Every Day Earth Day pollinator webinar on Earth Day April 22 at 7pm and Kensington Library’s “A Garden for Pollinators and Wildlife” webinar on May 4 at 7pm .
7. Protect It or Lose It communications Plan: We discussed Vicki’s draft conservation communications plan, including goal, objectives, target audience, and added a few activities to the plan. The first poster was installed on an easel by the Town Clerk’s office..
8. Conservation Flyer: We agreed to leverage the two “Land Conservation Options & Potential Financial Implications” pages from the Conserving your Land book for the flyer.
9. EK Edition topic: We reviewed and approved a Seeking New CC members article. We’ll post this document in town; Julie will ask the Principal at the High School to share with students as well.
10. Conservation Priorities: Gordon shared the list of 59 properties to conserve, prioritized based on four factors – overall acreage; proximity to other conservation land; presence of significant wildlife habitat; and proximity to a wildlife corridor. We’ll discuss further at the next meeting.
11. Reimbursement to Vicki Brown for the amount of \$71.99 (for Staples poster printing) - Not yet received.

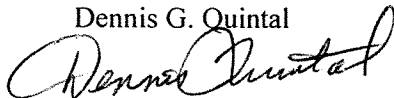
NEW BUSINESS:

1. NHDOT Litter Pick up: We agreed to meet on Saturday, April 23 at 8am at the Town Hall.
2. LWCF Grant and intent to apply by April 29 – Not discussed.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission is Scheduled for May 9, 2022 at 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis G. Quintal



Time Adjourned: 7:10PM